

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2843. An act to provide for the joint appointment of the Architect of the Capitol by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and Senate, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate, and two other designated members of the Senate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 4495. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 850. A bill to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks (Rept. No. 111-124).

S. 952. A bill to develop and promote a comprehensive plan for a national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate coastal and Great Lakes harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events (Rept. No. 111-125).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DODD for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

*Orlan Johnson, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2011.

*Douglas A. Criscitello, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

*Theodore W. Tozer, of Ohio, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

*David W. Mills, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

*Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

*Kevin Wolf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

By Mr. HARKIN for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Kathleen S. Tighe, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

*Irvin M. Mayfield, Jr., of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2014.

*Cynthia L. Attwood, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2013.

*Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2014.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Louis B. Butler, Jr., of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Edward Milton Chen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Mary L. Smith, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2982. A bill to combat international violence against women and girls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2983. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from employer social security taxes with respect to previously unemployed individuals, and to provide a credit for the retention of such individuals for at least 1 year; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2984. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise regulations implementing the statutory reporting and auditing requirements for the Medicaid disproportionate share hospital ("DSH") payment program to be consistent with the scope of the statutory provisions and avoid substantive changes to preexisting DSH policy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2985. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a new Small Business Startup Savings Account; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2986. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to waive interest for certain loans relating to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Gustav, or Hurricane Ike; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 2987. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the exceptions

process for one year with respect to the caps on payments for therapy services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 2988. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the exceptions process for two years with respect to caps on payments for therapy services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2989. A bill to improve the Small Business Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DeMINT (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. JOHANNES, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. KYL, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2990. A bill to establish an earmark moratorium for fiscal years 2010 and 2011; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2991. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to enhance the oversight authorities of the Comptroller General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2992. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the drawback fee on the manufacture or production of certain distilled spirits used in nonbeverage products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2993. A bill to increase the quantity of solar photovoltaic electricity by providing rebates for the purchase and installation of an additional 10,000,000 solar roofs and additional solar water heating systems with a cumulative capacity of 10,000,000 gallons by 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2994. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on excessive 2009 bonuses received from certain major recipients of Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the deduction allowable for such bonuses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2995. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2996. A bill to extend the chemical facility security program of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 2997. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth